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A.- The Port of VALONA (Krionero) anchorageI. ORGANIZATION

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1. Position for foreign ships to anchor, to undergo search. Ships come as far as this point without a pilot. A pilot is used for ships to get to loading position, No. 2 (

40°25'15''N
19°28'30''E) Krionero.-

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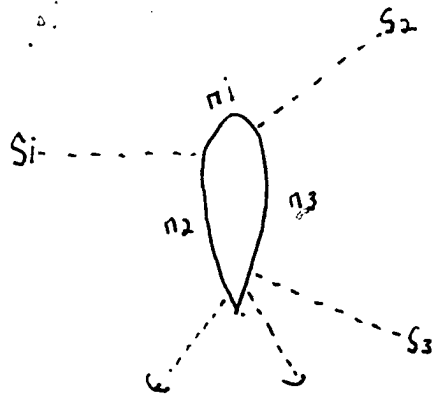
2. There are three mooring buoys at this position, used to tie down loading ships. Respectively, the ends of three fuel supply pipes 6 inches in diameter, are fastened onto three small buoys. These ends, pulled out of the sea, are attached to the receiving points of the ship, loading thus being carried out through gravity. It is figured that loading is carried out at the rate of 230 tons per hour.

The position of the pipes and the mooring buoys, in comparison with the anchorage position of a ship 145 meters long, is as follows:

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Be S1, S2 and S3 the three mooring buoys.
& be P1, P2 and P3 the three supply pipes.

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Distance from bow to mooring buoy S3, 110 meters.-

Distance from stern to m.b. S2, 180 meters.-

Distance from " " " S1, 120 "

The density of the oil loaded each time, is 0,982, and the loading temperature is that of the atmosphere, viz. about 81 degrees F.

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the oil undergoes a local

finishing, some ethers and benzene being removed during the process. Abroad, Albanian oil is considered poor in ingredients, as it contains 50% asphalt (tar).-

3. Visible oil tank. The best part of it is under the ground.

there are two more oil

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tanks of 4,000-5,000 tons in capacity each. The above oil tanks are at a height of about 50 meters from the surface of the sea.

oil refineries are there too,

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that are now being expanded.-

4. A quarry, located at a height of about 100 meters from the surface of the sea. This is operating day and night and loading of the stone on trucks is being done by mechanically operated cranes. Stone is being transported day and night to a cement factory. The laden trucks followed the direction of the arrows, and came back empty in the opposite direction.-

5. A wireless station. Two iron poles (marked by crosses) were observed, fastened to the ground by wire-ropes. No wire connecting the two poles, was sighted.-

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II. ANCHORED CARGO SHIPS

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The following were docked at the large mole (SKALA): a fishing boat and a small Yugoslavian freighter of 500 tons, that was loading tar. The Soviet cargo ship VLADIMIR of about 4,500 tons, sailed in on 8 Aug. 1956 and docked at the same position (SKALA). This, too, loaded tar.

The tar loaded on both ships, was not packed in drums, but it came in large pieces without any covering, like pig iron, lead, etc.-

[redacted] tar can withstand high temperatures and there is danger of it to melt.

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III. SECURITY MEASURES

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[redacted] ships are permitted to enter the Gulf during the entire 24-hour period. Departures, however, at night, are strictly prohibited. The authorities of SASSONI Island are notified 12 hours before each ship's departure. Should the ship come out unexpectedly and without first notifying the authorities on SASSONI Island, it is fired at by the guns of the Island.

No ships are permitted to move around in the harbor of VALONA at night. The search of foreign vessels is rather strict.

The authorities are interested in photographic cameras. The wireless set was sealed. A control was carried out of members of the crew, by comparing faces against the pictures on their seaman's books. Going ashore of the crew is, in general, prohibited.

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IV. MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY VEHICLES & SUPPLIES

Trucks, loaded with cases and accompanied by soldiers, were sighted following the direction of the arrows to the North. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all these trucks were of Soviet manufacture.-

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The following were sighted, following a course in a direction opposite to that of the arrows, to the South, that is:

a) Morning hours of 7 Aug. 1956. Ten (10) military trucks pulling long-barrel guns on two-wheel chassis.-

b) Five (5) armored cars on roller tracks, went by a short while later. These were rather large, they had their upper part opened and were pulling guns of the same type as the ones above.

c) Five (5) small tanks went by on the morning of 10 Aug. 1956.

No personnel could be seen in either the above vehicles that were pulling the guns, or the tanks.

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The military men were dressed in khaki-greenish uniforms of the Soviet type and bore a red star on their caps. They bore no insignias.

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There was no radar antennas seen anywhere.

[REDACTED] there are many torpedo boats in SASSONI Island.

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[REDACTED] no buoys of a blocking between SASSONI Island and LIGUETTA Island across.-

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B.- Protected Bases in KARABURUN

1. 4-5 artificial caves were sighted at position C on the Western shore

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of the KARABURUN Peninsula, between ST. BASILIO and ST. GIOVANNI hills. The height of the entrance was about three times its width. []

[] torpedo boats or small vessels can go into these 25X1 caves.

2. A cave with a large entrance shaped like a Π , was observed from point H ([] $40^{\circ}26'30''N$ and [] $19^{\circ}18'10''E$) determined by true bearings of 97° and 185° , against true bearing of 133° . The entrance was 12-15 25X1 meters wide, and three times its width, high. The entrance to the cave was artificial (cut rocks).

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No other cave exists there along the entire shore from CAPE LIGUETTA 25X1 to GARLOVER PT.

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